

BOROUGH OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
BOROUGH COUNCIL CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES

April 11, 2019

Meeting began at 7:05 pm

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call:

Latoya Monroe, President	Present
Ronald Francis, Vice President	Absent
Mayor Hepkins	Absent
Clara Johnson	Present
Rafi Cave	Present
Dolores McCabe	Absent
Taliah Jones-Waters	Present-arrived 7:34 pm
Sharon Council-Harris	Present- arrived 7:11 pm
Atinuke Moss, Manager	Present
Charles Gibbs, Solicitor	Absent
Tax Collector, Julianne James	Present
Tom Shepherd, Engineer	Present

3. Citizen's Forum:

- Liana Shakur – issue with graffiti at Church Lane and Chester Avenue. There is a big truck, on the property, which is covered in graffiti as well as the signs on the property. There are also signs and telephone poles covered with graffiti along Chester Avenue.
 - Council would like the Code Department to cite and abate the property owners for the graffiti and have it all removed by the Legislative meeting.
 - Also requested that the Code Department look into construction materials thrown in the trash and unsightly furniture on porches. Resident will provide Council with the address where the construction material can be found.

4. Mayor's Report

- None

5. President's Report:

- Mentioned Mayor's Banquet at the Oaks Ballroom on April 20, 2019 at 8:00 pm to 12:00 am.

6. Borough Manager's Report:

- Attended SEPTA Trolley Modernization meeting in the Philadelphia office for SEPTA.
- Held a meeting with a PECO and ULS representative for two (2) Yeadon residents to address some of the concerns and issues they were experiencing with the ongoing construction on Rundale.
- The Borough is currently working on the summer newsletter.
- Charles Pavia, of the Yeadon business district requested that the Borough consider purchasing planters/hanging baskets and flowers to beautify the business district of Church Lane.
- Code officers are all undergoing training for health inspections so that they are able to perform the task and we are not dependent on one staff member as we have been in the past.
- Yeadon will need a new board member for the Darby Creek Joint Authority. It is mandatory that Yeadon provide a board member.
 - During the meeting, Councilor Rafi Cave offered to be appointed to the board if Council was unable to find an immediate replacement.
- All elected officials must complete a Statement of Financial interest and provide it to the Borough by May 1, 2019.
- The Borough will need a new hot water heater, one large enough to service the entire building. Or the Borough could consider an additional heating system to work along side the existing tank. Was discussed to look at the capital budget and get three (3) quotes for replacement or additional systems.
- The Library states that their basement floods when it rains, would like the Borough to assist with this.

7. Solicitor Report:

- None

8. Tax Collector Report:

- Borough has collected \$3 million to date.
- Will give a full report at the Legislative meeting.

9. Engineer's Report:

- The bid opening, for the elevator upgrades, is scheduled for 4/17/19 at 9:30 am.

- The Redwood Infrastructure Improvement project- contractor dug three test holes and determined that PECO gas line was too close to sewer line. The safest way to install the new sewer line is under the street instead of along the sidewalk/grass line.
- The settlement for the PENN Vest loan will be scheduled once paperwork is received from the bond counsel.
- Currently working on the SSO that occurred in Cobbs Creek. A contractor will work to clear the interceptor line of debris and sewage so a tv camera can pass through the full length of the pipe. Once issue is detected, Borough can apply for an emergency permit from the DEP to clear and replace the damaged pipe. If the pipe can be fixed by lining it, that will be done as the alternative.
- Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) occurs when sewage either overflows a manhole, or when sewage overflows a property vent or a back-up occurs in a structure. These all must be reported to DEP, both by telephone upon awareness of a SSO, and again in writing to inform DEP of the extent of the SSO and how it was handled. The Code Department is responsible for handling the SSOs related to sewer vents and backups into basements, and the Public Works Department is responsible for those back-ups or overflows in the collection system.
- Stormwater tip: Weeds can be a tremendous problem during the spring and summer months. You want to be extremely careful when treating your lawns. A safe way to control weeds is to use an all natural weed killer. Just mix ingredients and spray in the morning after the dew has evaporated. By evening, the weeds are gone. Mix together in a large spray bottle: 1 gallon of vinegar, 2 cups of Epsom salt and ¼ cup eco-friendly dish soap.

10. Committee Reports

A. Finance, Councilman Rafi Cave – Chair

- Meeting held on April 9, 2019 at 10:00am was productive. Discussed personnel issues, hall rental liability clause which needs further review, remaining community grants (On-Stage Productions and Royal Excellence), and the 2019 Budget calendar
- Discussed potential revitalization project, which will be presented in May.

B. Ordinances & Zoning:

Code Committee Report- Liana Shakur – read report

- Discussion on increasing overall dumpster fees and charging a fee for additional time past the current seven (7) days given.
- Driveway between 700 block of Yeadon Ave & Bullock Ave has a 10 foot drop. This driveway has been deemed dangerous to the point where

Borough vehicles have been prohibited from going down the block. Wants a status on how the Borough intends to address this.

- Discussed resurfacing of parking lot at the strip mall on MacDade Blvd. Issue is there are three owners and each owner will need to be cited.

Code Department Report- Mary Nixon- look at report

- There were 2 zoning applications last month.
- Zoning application for a Plasma Center at 617 Cedar Avenue was approved.
- Hot spots identified at 1011 Yeadon Avenue, 728 Yeadon Avenue.
- There was an SSO at Cobbs Creek- Public Works and the Code Department are working to correct the sewer line issue.
- Property Maintenance Abatements totaled \$4,451.85.
- Code Department Revenue totaled \$26,970.52.

C. Public Works, Councilwoman Clara Johnson- Chair

- Last meeting was March 5, 2019.
- Identified eyesores in the Borough. There are Borough owned bus shelters in need of repair or replacement.
 - Council will approve bus shelter replacement and/or repair first.
- Would like to purchase “gateway” signs for the Borough i.e. Welcome to Yeadon, Leaving Yeadon.
- Sanitary Sewer Cleaning has begun and will continue all year long.
- Clarification sought on whose obligation it is to replace concrete following removal of Shade Trees.
- Would like an advertisement for two (2) new seasonal employees.
- April 2, 2019 at 6:00 pm is the next scheduled meeting.
- Graffiti had been reported on several telephone phones and has since been removed. The remaining graffiti was located on private property.

D. Public Safety, Mayor Rohan Hepkins – Chair

- None
- i. Police Department’s Report – Chief Paparo
 - Officers read short stories to classes at Bell and Evans; spoke to local Yeadon Cub Scouts; and spoke at the YEAA Championship games.
 - Five (5) officers are in the Crime Scene Investigation school.
 - Operation House Call will be featured on the news. Chief Paparo and a resident to be interviewed next week.

- Periodic theft in vehicles. Make sure vehicles are locked especially during inclement weather.
- Floated the idea that Yeadon consider building an animal shelter for Delco is some of our open space area. Could bring in some revenue and save us the fees we are spending on animal control.
- Waiting for Councilor McCabe to schedule a Civil Service Commission meeting.

ii. Fire Department's Report – Chief Mellazo

- Total fire calls were 76, year to date is 228 calls.
- Total EMS calls were 178
- Workplace Safety meeting:
 - There was one firefighter and code officer injured.
 - Discussed Borough needing to address hot water tank not supplying the building with enough hot water.
 - Discussed safety of the front desk personnel on the third floor. Glass window may need to be secured. In addition, the door is not closing well. Requested that Public Works address door.
 - Next meeting scheduled for April 14, 2019 at 10:00 am.

iii. Emergency Management's Report - Mary Nixon

- Given during the report for the Code Department.

E. Recreation, Councilman (Vice President) Ronald Francis- Chair

- None.

13. Adjournment

- Moved by Councilor R. Cave
- Seconded by Councilor S. Council-Harris

Meeting ended 7:49 pm